



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 7, 2016**

**Chaparral Park  
5401 N. Hayden Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85250**

- PRESENT:** Virginia Harris, Chair  
Todd Davis, Vice Chair  
Anne Wurth, Commissioner  
Michael Bouscher, Commissioner  
Sherry Woodley, Commissioner  
Fred Klein, Commissioner
- ABSENT:** Chris Thuman, Commissioner
- STAFF:** Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director  
Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Denise Clayton, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Brett Jackson, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Chris Walsh, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Trevor Groth, Recreation Leader III  
Melissa Belton, Recreation Leader III  
Scott Anderson, Operations Supervisor  
Liz Hildenbrand  
Dan Miller, Assistant Coordinator
- GUESTS:** Officer Aaron Bolton

**Call to Order**

Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

## **Roll Call**

Members present as noted above.

## **Public Comment**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

## **Moment of Silence**

### **1. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. Regular Meeting: May 18, 2016

**COMMISSIONER WOODLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 18, 2016 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER BOUSCHER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER THUMAN WAS ABSENT.**

- b. Work Study Session: June 1, 2016

**COMMISSIONER KLEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 1, 2016 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORK STUDY SESSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER WOODLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER THUMAN WAS ABSENT.**

### **2. Amendment to Chapter 20 and Chapter 21 of the Scottsdale Revised Code - Unmanned Aircraft Systems**

Mr. Pryor congratulated Liz Hildenbrand on her retirement and thanked her for coming in to give this presentation.

Liz Hildenbrand and Police Officer Aaron Bolton gave a presentation discussing Senate Bill 1449 recently passed by the Arizona State Legislature and how it will affect the City of Scottsdale. Ms. Hildenbrand gave a brief background of the drone proposal. Senate Bill 1449 allows cities some controls over drone takeoff and landing restrictions. The City of Scottsdale's Drone Team implemented the ordinances that were needed to initiate controls within the city boundaries. Officer Bolton presented the current ordinance language and the amended language that will bring the City ordinance into compliance with federal and state laws. He noted that the City is no longer able to restrict gas powered airplanes, but is still permitted to restrict model rockets and only has jurisdiction over takeoff and landing locations. The FAA controls all airspace. Proposed prohibited locations include: McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Pinnacle Peak Trailhead, Mescal Park and Stonegate Park, the latter two being equestrian parks. Exceptions to the ordinance will be for public safety and other City employees during the course of official duties and the Conservancy Field Institute, which has an existing permit. Penalties for violation are for a first offence a minimum violation and second and all subsequent violations will be classified as a Class 2 misdemeanor.

The proposed Ordinance Amendments will go to City Council on September 20th.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Discussion ensued regarding the Director's ability to expand the list of prohibited locations as needed.

**COMMISSIONER WOODLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 20 AND CHAPTER 21 OF THE SCOTTSDALE REVISED CODE - UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS, WITH THE STIPULATION THAT ANY ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF PROHIBITED LOCATIONS BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR REVIEW AND CITIZEN INPUT. COMMISSIONER BOUSCHER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER THUMAN WAS ABSENT.**

### **3. 2016 Summer Camp Review**

Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager, Trevor Groth, Rec III, and Melissa Belton, gave an overview of the 2016 summer camp programs. With eight weeks of summer programming, there were 3,586 program participants and approximately 775 volunteer hours. The presentation included information on the success of the ActiveNet registration system and attendance statistics. They discussed the individual summer programs and Youth Corps volunteer activities.

On September 23, 2016, the City will host Lights On After School, celebrating out-of-school activities and the importance of having kids engaged in active and fun after school time. It is anticipated that this will become an annual event.

Commission members were given an opportunity to comment and ask questions. Vice-Chair Davis complimented staff on the Youth Corps Gala. Ms. Peters indicated that revenue has gone up, noting that profits go into the General Fund. Fees, attendance, wait lists, and the fee assistance program were briefly discussed.

### **4. Mighty Mud Mania 41 Update**

Dan Miller, Assistant Coordinator of Special Events, presented an evaluation of Mighty Mud Mania that took place on June 11, 2016 and had approximately 9,880 participants, which is an increase of approximately 1,500. He briefly reviewed the registration process, fast passes, course changes, and new courses. 97 volunteers donated approximately 672 hours at a value of \$15,507. Sponsorships included both monetary and in-kind sponsorships. Approximately 1,167 pounds of food was collected for the Vista del Camino food bank.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Miller explained that sponsorships are solicited by staff. Staff is working on developing a sponsorship package that will include some smaller events. Mr. Miller explained that it would be difficult to implement an entrance fee, because the event has always been free to the public. In order for donations to be accepted, an outside organization would have to be involved.

### **5. Playground Replacement Updates**

Brett Jackson, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave an update on recent replacement projects and plans for FY 2016/17. He shared information and photographs of progress for the Paiute

Playground, Papago Playground, and Chaparral Par Course. Projects planned for the upcoming year include the Indian School Park playground, which was last replaced in 1995, and the shade structures at Papago Rotary and Paiute playgrounds.

## **6. Monsoon Storm Recap**

Brett Jackson, Parks and Recreation Manager, described the effects of the recent monsoon storms on City facilities. There was flooding at the Scottsdale Sports Complex and damage to the liner for the lake under construction at Indian School Park.

## **7. Grayhawk Community Association Donation**

Denise Clayton, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave a presentation outlining the offer from Grayhawk Community Association to donate funds for the installation of pickleball courts at Thompson Peak Park. She explained that the basketball courts can be converted to pickleball courts, leaving one basketball court available for basketball that can also be converted to a "popup pickleball court" as needed. If approved by Council, construction will begin in November.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost of construction, the proximity of the pickleball courts to neighboring communities, and concerns about keeping a basketball court open and available for those who wish to play.

**COMMISSIONER BOUSCHER MOVED TO RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION BY THE GRAYHAWK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PICKLEBALL COURTS AT THOMPSON PEAK PARK. COMMISSIONER WOODLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER THUMAN WAS ABSENT.**

## **8. Commissioner Report**

Commissioner Klein commented that he is looking forward to a discussion about possible changes to pool hours during the October meeting.

Vice-Chair Davis said that he attended the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association (APRA) Conference. He noted that Terry Erickson, Kira Peters, and Jody Pierce gave a presentation.

Chair Harris attended the APRA conference and particularly enjoyed the presentation on water resources and natural resources. She opined that it would have been beneficial if conference attendees had an opportunity to interact with each other more. She expressed an interest in learning about possible opportunities for the City of Scottsdale to work with AmeriCorps. Chair Harris is attending the Scottsdale Citizens Police Academy.

Chair Harris noted that staff provided Commissioners with a list of parks and recreation events for the next quarter and suggested that Commission members make it a goal to attend as many events as possible.

## **9. Manager Updates and Director's Report of Current Events**

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director, commended staff members Terry Erickson, Kira Peters, and Jody Pierce for their presentation at the APRA conference.

Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager, reviewed the summer's events including: Mighty Mud Mania, held June 11th; Chaparral Pool thermal covers were delivered June 30th; Splash 'n Dash, held July 16th; Moonlight Swim at McDowell Mountain Ranch, on July 16th; End of Summer Madness, July 28th; Recreation Swim and Dive Meet, July 29th; swim lessons with the Boys and Girls Club in July; and the Safety Luau on August 6th. The fountain lighting project is moving forward in collaboration with the Water Department. Ms. Erickson discussed the recent cryptosporidium scare and how the City is approaching testing. She noted that new traps have been installed at the pools which are able to trap smaller flocculent particles.

Denise Clayton, Parks and Recreation Manager, said that both tennis centers are being resurfaced in preparation for the upcoming tennis season. The Oracle ITA Junior Masters Phoenix Regional tournament will be held at Scottsdale Ranch Park the weekend of the 10th. Winners from the tournament will go to the Master's Tournament in Maui. Ms. Clayton noted that Adult Sports is ongoing, tennis lessons begin on September 19th, and Scottsdale Ranch Park will be hosting a movie in the park on September 24th. The Club SAR free trial pass program has been successful with 23 percent of those redeemed leading to a membership purchase.

Chris Walsh, Parks and Recreation Manager, said that Scottsdale Stadium will be overseeding starting Monday, September 12th in preparation for fall league. City Council will review the Fall League agreement September 14th and the Master Planning Scope and Fee proposal on September 21st. Funds received through the capital improvement process for stadium improvements will be used to covert lighting fixtures to LED and to replace the stadium pavers with stamped concrete. Scottsdale Sports Complex celebrated its ten-year anniversary on August 26th.

Brett Jackson, Parks and Recreation Manager, said that Civic Center Mall over seeding will begin on September 26th and will take approximately two weeks to complete. Change of annual flowers will begin on September 19th and will take approximately four weeks. Construction on the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park water reservoir is ongoing.

Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager, mentioned that the afterschool programs are in session at Title 1 schools throughout the district; community center programming is available at both Horizon and Mountain View. She noted that on October 7th she and Denise Clayton will be giving a presentation on managing municipal pickleball at the national NRPA conference in St. Louis. The new CEO of the Boys and Girls Club will attend a future Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to discuss their partnership with the City.

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director, gave an overview of the recycling program that is being tested at Thompson Peak Park and is anticipated to be implemented at Chaparral Park and Copper Ridge. He noted that General Plan open houses are being held September 6th, 7th, and 8th.

**10. Public Comment**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

**11. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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